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R. *Busby*, as Stories go, walking one day in St. *James's* Park, met with Father *Peters*, who saluted him Cap in Hand, which occasion'd the following Dialogue.

P. REVEREND Dr. your humble Servant.
How have you done this long Time?

B. Very well, I thank you; but I do not know you.

P. I was once one of your Scholars.

B. That may be, Pray what's your Name?

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P. My Name is *Peters*.

B. *Peters*? What! Not that *Peters* call'd *Father Peters*, who has made all this Noise in the World?

P. The very same, Sir.

B. You was of another Faith, Sir, when you was under my Tuition. How came you to change it;

P. Because *the Lord had need of me*.

B. Why Sir, I have read the Scriptures as often as another Man, and I never read that *the Lord had need of any thing but once*, and that was of an *Afs*.

THE *Hollanders*, An. 1688, having a great Esteem for the *English* Government, were pleas'd to fend us over, as a Token of their Affection, the Picture of a Waggon, drawn by twelve Horses; which seem'd, notwithstanding, to be set in a place where the Dirt did not exceed the Rim of the Wheels. The Waggoner was drawn Whipping his Horses, and the King of *England* at one of the hinder Wheels, endeavouring to thrust it along with his Shoulders; but to no Purpose: The Waggon was loaded with the *Test* and *Penal Laws*.

MUCH about the same time, some Body, very full of Invention, made another Picture of a Coach and Six. *Father Peters* was the Coach-Man, and *Will. Penn* the Quaker, the Postilion.

Postilion. The Coach was full of Devils, and the Great Devil in the Head, bidding the *Coachman* drive apace down with the *Test* and *Penal Laws*. Behind the Coach was drawn a Bishop of the Church of *England*, fixing his Hands and his Feet in one of the hinder Wheels, so that it could not move, either backwards, or forwards. Behind the Bishop was the King, whipping him with a Scourge till the Blood came; but for all that the Bishop would not let go his Hold. *An Emblem that Bishops in those Days, could suffer Persecution for the sake of Religion.*

WILLIAM PENN holding forth one Day, before those Lambs of the Lord the *Quakers*, took an Occasion to tell them, how severely they had been Persecuted by the *Penal Laws*, even to the Loss of *Goods, Coats, nay and Cloaks* also: But that now they were happy in *Liberty of Conscience* by Royal Favour, and therefore that they could do no less than, at the *King's Request*, to take off the *Test* and *Penal Laws*. Which he told them, would not only oblige the *King*, but redound to their everlasting *Liberty*. No sooner had he done, but up-starts another, who told them, that what *Will. Penn* had said, was true, that they had been Persecuted to the Loss of *Coats and Cloaks*, but let me tell you, says he, *Take away the Penal Laws, and we shall lose our Skins too.*

A GENTLEMAN in *Lent* came to the *Swan Tavern*, over-against *Somerset-House*, in the *Strand*, where he met a Friend and a Popish Priest with him. The Priest among other Things began to Discourse how that the *Roman Catholicks* keep *Lent* very strict, by Abstaining both from Wine and Flesh. Says the Gentleman, Sir, or Father, I'll hold you a Bottle of Wine, that none of you who pretend to keep *Lent*, do it; but eat Flesh once or twice in the Time. P. I'll take you up. Who shall be Judge? Gen. You your self. P. Go on. Gen. Don't you receive the Sacrament once or twice every Month? P. Yes. Gen. Don't you believe that the Sacrament is Transubstantiated into the Body and Blood of Christ, and that you receive him Corporeally as well as Spiritually? P. Yes. Gen. Then you eat Flesh, and consequently do not keep *Lent*.

ABOUT the Time that the Pretended Prince of *Wales* was born, it was Confidently reported, that a certain Nobleman did offer one of the King's Master Work-Men 2000 *l.* for his Son, but his Wife would not yield to it.

'TIS reported that a certain (Fairy) Midwife deliver'd a Priest's Whore of a Son, the *Saturday* before the Queen was brought to Bed

Bed under the Queen's Lodgings, which they pretended, died as soon as the *Protestant* Midwife was gone, to hinder her coming to inquire after it. That that Child was the pretended Prince of *Wales*, born *June* the 10th 1688. Some report, that he was really the Son of the Queen, others that he was born of a *Tyler's* Wife, and brought into the Queen's Bed-Chamber in a Warming-Pan, and that his Mother, presently after, fled to *Holland*, and discover'd the whole Intrigue, and will come over with the *P. of O.* to Undeceive the Bubbled Nation.

SEPT. 23. 1688. It has been reported ever since the Birth of the *P. of W.* that the *Dutch* have been making great Preparation to Assist the *P. of O.* to make a Descent upon *England*, and that they are now upon our Coast.

24. 'Tis said the *Dutch* have block'd-up several of our Sea-Ports, so that none of our Ships can go out or in: That they have threescore Sail of Ships in Number, and that Ten thousand *Dutch-Men* are Landed with the *Pr. of Orange* at the Head of them, making towards *London*. It is also reported, that if any Resistance is made, the Ships with the remaining Part of the Army are to assault the Sea-Port Towns, and the Prince is to maintain the Battle by Land: That he pays the Soldiers Quarters veryjust, where ever he

he comes; That he fights no Body, but comes peaceably and quietly along onwards to *London*.

26. THAT the following Queries were sent to the King, for his Majesty's Resolution of them.

1. Whether the Child call'd the Prince of *Wales* was his own Son?

2. Whether he would assist the *French* or the *Dutch*?

3. Whether he would yield to the Execution of the Lord Chancellour *Jefferies*, the Bishop of *Chester*, Father *Peters*, &c. if they were found guilty of Treasonable Practices?

And lastly, Whether it was not Treacherous and Base in a King, to invite a Foreign Nation into his own Land, to cut the Throats of his *Protestant*-Subjects, who would not consent to his taking off the *Test*, and *Penal Laws*.

27. 'Tis confidently affirm'd, that the *French* had a Design to have Landed, in order to Re-establish *Popery*, but that the *Dutch* prevented them: That the *Dutch* have had a Skirmish with the *French*, and sunk seven Men of War; That the *Dutch* are Threescore thousand strong, and have Horse, Armour, and all Accoutrements fit for a War.

28. THE Bishops came and proffer'd their Service to his Majesty, and told him they would venture their Lives and Fortunes for him and their Church; but one of them took
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the Liberty to tell his Majesty, that he had brought himself into a fine Premunire by the Advice of his good Council, and that he would assure his Majesty, it would never be better with him, till *Jefferyes* and *Peters* were taken out of the way.

29. THE King order'd his Captains of Horse and Foot, to add ten Men to every Company, allowing 100 *l.* to each Captain of Horse, and 50 *l.* to each Captain of Foot, for Raising them: And to the Horse-Men he gave Twenty pounds a Man to buy them Horses.

This Day tis reported that the Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells* is made Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*.

'Tis said that the King, being perplex'd about the Council's ill Advice, and the coming of the *Dutch*, the Queen came to his Majesty, and Advis'd him to *behave himself like a Man in this Calamity*, to which he made no Reply, but bid G---d D---n her, and the rest of her Gang, for 'twas by them he was brought into that Trouble.

They say that the Bishop of *London*, who was some time since Suspended, might be restored to all his Places, but that he refuses to be Restored.

They say the Queen goes to *Portsmouth* on *Monday*, with the Pr. of *Wales*, and thence to *Rome*, in order to put herself into a Monastery.

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The Great Lady who was to be Fin'd a thousand Pounds for saying, that the Prince of *Wales* was brought into the Queen's Bed-Chamber in a Warming-Pan, fled to *Holland*, with the Guard that was set over her, and has there discover'd the same to the Prince of *Orange*.

The Ambassadour from *France*, having discover'd the King's Secrets to the *Dutch*, upon Examination, could not deny it, and was therefore sent to the *Tower*.

Some say the *Dutch* are come to Claim the Prince of *Orange's* Right to the Crown, others, that their Design is not to Land, unless the *Irish* and *Scotch* begin to Massacre the *Protestants*.

When the King caused his Army to Beat-up for Volunteers to fight against the *Dutch*, it was the common saying among the Mob, That to fight against the *Dutch*, is the only way to advance the *Papists*, and whoever went against them ought to be serv'd as *Monmouth's* Men were in the West.

They say the Seven Bishops are to be sent to the *Dutch* Fleet, to Conclude a Peace with them. The Yeomen of the Guard, are to attend the King on Horseback, if he goes against the *Dutch*: And the Queen is to go to the *Tower* for Security, with a Guard of a 1000 *Irish*, to keep the *Tower* and the *Citizens* in good Order, and Obedience to his Majesty.

30. THIS day being Sunday, a *Scotch* Woman came to *St. Margarets Westminster*. She had not been there long, but she cry'd out *Whars, Whars*, (meaning *Whores, Whores*.) Several who were by, thought she had cry'd *Wars, Wars*, and that the *Papists* were coming to Massacre them, insomuch that some cry'd out the *Papists* are coming to cut our Throats, others fancied they saw naked Swords in the Church-yard, others that they heard the Cannons roaring, and all in general were contriving which way to Escape; till at last, some, who had more Guts in their Brains than others, Unriddl'd the Matter, that it was only a Madwoman, and so appear'd the Tumult.

'Tis reported that several Lords are fled to *Holland*, and that the *Company of Goldsmiths* or Merchants have sent 500 Ingots of Silver thither for Security.

OCTOB. 1st, 1688. 'Tis reported the King had a Letter sent to him by Five Bishops, and that his Majesty being out of the way, the Queen receiv'd it, and read it, and then tore it in pieces; the King upon his return, demanded the Letter, which not being to be had, the King gave her a Kick on the Breech, and she, to revenge it, flew upon him and beat him handsomly, and had strangled him, but that the Guards came in to his Assistance; whereupon he resolv'd to

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commit the Queen to the Usher of the Black Rod, but the Ladies of Honour interposing, he forgave her.

2d. 'Tis reported that the King of *England* sent the Broad Seal of *England* to the King of *France*, with a Letter to intreat him to send 40000 Men to his Assistance, promising with them, and his *Irish* and *Scotch*, to establish Popery in *England*: The honest Ambassador, who was to deliver the Letter and Broad Seal to the King of *France*, instead of doing his Errand, sent them to the Prince of *Orange*, who remitted them to the King in a Packet; which when he saw from his Son, the Prince of *Orange*, he clapp'd his Hand upon his Breast and said, *I am undone.*

It is reported that the Queen took the Crown Jewels into her Custody, and had inticed the King to let her go to *Portsmouth* for her Security; but the Matter was discovered, and the Council would not let her go.

That the King, on the Discovery of his sending the Broad Seal to *France*, would fain have gone out of the Kingdom with the Queen, but that the Council told them, if they did, they should never return again.

That the Lord Mayor, with the Old and New Aldermen, went to wait on the King, and offer to serve his Majesty both with Life and Estate.

3d. THE King, upon the Lord Mayor's and Aldermens Address to him, was pleas'd

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to restore their Charter to them, which they had forfeited; for which they caus'd the Bells to be Rung, and other demonstrations of Joy to be made: But some report, that the Citizens are to pay 20000 *l.* and to raise 20000 Men at their own Charge for the purchase of it.

'Tis reported, that one of the Seven Bishops, and some Lords, are gone with an Ambassage to the Prince of *Orange*.

'Tis reported, that 10000 *Irish* are coming into this Nation to establish *Popery*, and that the *Protestants* will be all Massacred before a Fortnight is at an end, or forc'd to Truckle to the Church of *Rome*.

4. 'Tis reported, that the Prince of *Wales* is dead of the *Small-Pox*; and that his Majesty has taken away the Commissions from all the Officers of a whole Regiment of Foot.

5. 'Tis reported, that the Queen would not let the King rest, till he had caused the Crowns to be taken off from the Queen Dowager's Coaches.

6. 'Tis reported, that the Citizens finding their Charter had a Clause in it, which empower'd the King to remand it, upon some particular Defaults (which they call'd *at Pleasure*) very civilly sent it back again, and would have none, unless they had their old one, without Restraint; and that upon this the Lord Chancellor went in the King's

Name to nominate a new Lord Mayor; he accordingly Nominated one, but the Nominee refused to hold, till he had advised with Council: His Lordship told him he was able to give him Council, but he begg'd his Lordships Excuse.

This Day we have also a notable Story, that a Priest was Railing mightily against the *Hereticks* in a Sermon at *Wild House*, and that he said the Bible was nothing but Lies; whereupon a Protestant Gentleman broke his Head as he was in the Pulpit, and told him he was a Son of a Whore: The *Catholicks* immediately rose in Arms, but the Protestants coming in to the Gentleman's Assistance, drove them all out of the Chappel.

7. 'Tis reported that his Majesty went this Morning to St. *Martins* Church, and did receive the Sacrament after the Order of the Church of *England*, and that he does in a little time design to embrace the *Protestant* Religion; They say also, that the Earl of — has melted down all his Plate, and is gone aside with 100000 *l.* some say to *Holland*.

8. SOME *Apprentices*, as the Story goes, being very Zealous for the Cause of their Religion, last *Sunday* Nail'd up the *Roman Catholicks* in the Chappel at *Lime-street*, telling them that since they had their Charter again, they would not suffer any *Roman Catholicks*, or *Popish Chappels*, to be amongst them, and so pluck'd it down about their Ears.

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9. THIS Day they reported, that one hundred thousand *Irish* are landed at *Portsmouth*, in order to drive down *Liberty* and *Property*; and that the King should say, he would grind the *Hereticks* as small as Powder.

The report of the *Irish* being landed, so Alarm'd the *Citizens*, that they rose in Arms, and declar'd, that since the *Irish* were landed, they would not leave a *Papist* in the *Nation*.

10. 'Tis reported, that a certain Nobleman has made a Discovery of 500, some say, 900 Horses in *Yorkshire*, design'd, as is suppos'd, for the Aid of the Prince of *Orange*.

11. THIS Day came strange *News* from the *North*, that the 900 Horses discover'd in *Yorkshire*, were Metamorphos'd into 9000 Men, all Arm'd Capa-pee, for the Service of the Prince of *Orange*, as soon as he should Land.

Others say, that a certain Fellow having bought sixteen *Horses*, and hearing that *Horses* went off at a good rate in the *North*, rid to *Yorkshire* with them; and as he pass'd thro a *Market-Town*, he cry'd *Oranges* and *Lemons*. Another Fellow being very Curious and Suspicious that they were for the Service of the Prince of *Orange*, caused them to be stopt, and sent word to the King, which occasion'd the Rumour of 900 *Horses* being taken. For 16 by vulgar Multiplication will easily become 60: and 60 by Arithmetical Progression, will in time become an Hundred; and

and an Hundred multiplied by nine, will make the Number of Horses the Report is of.

On *Sunday* last Captain *Tom*, alias the Mob, disturb'd the Chappel in *Lyme-street*, whereupon the *Priest* went to the Lord Mayor, who advised him to shut up the Chappel, till the Rabble was appeas'd. But he would not. Next Day the Rabble came again, and the *Priest* sent his Footman for his Lordship twice, before he would go. When his Lordship came, the *Priest* took the Liberty to tell him, that he wonder'd he would not come when he first sent his Footman for him, and that he would acquaint the King with it. To which his Lordship reply'd, that if the Prophet's Afs had spoken to him, he should have taken it as a Call, but as for his Footman, he would acquaint the King he had nothing to do with him.

12. 'Tis affirm'd on all hands that the intended Massacre will be either on *Sunday* or *Monday* next.

13. SOME report that the Lord *Dartmouth* has sent a Letter to the King, to Inform his Majesty; that the Seaman will not fight the *Dutch*. Others say, that they will lose their Lives for the King's Majesty.

That the Fellows of St. *Mary Magdalen* College in *Oxon*, are to be restor'd to their Fellowships the next Week, and that the Bishop of *Winchester* has Commission from the King to restore them. That

That the Ladies which were at the Queen's Labour are to give in their Depositions concerning the Birth of the Prince of *Wales*, in order to satisfy the Nation.

That the King expects the Prince of *Orange* to Land to morrow, and designs to Head the Army himself, and has nominated Two of his Chaplains to attend him.

14. 'Tis reported that a Captain's Man took-up a Letter in St. *James's* Park which threatned the King, that if he drew out his Army never so soon, he should find Ten thousand Men in Arms, in *Spittle-fields*, *Champions* for Liberty and Property; against Popery and Arbitrary Power.

That a great many are Imprison'd for raising the Report of a Massacre.

15. 'Tis reported that the Prince of *Wales* was *Christned* this Day, and that there were ten Fires in St. *James's* Chappel, to keep the Infant from taking cold, while they were performing the Ceremony of Baptizing. That his Name is *James Francis Edward*.

That a Tempest dispers'd the *Dutch* Fleet, and the Vice-Admiral was disabled.

16. 'Tis reported that the Marquess of *Albeville's* Gentleman came to the Lord *Sunderland's* Office (who was then one of the Principal Secretaries of State) about 6 at Night, being then just come from *Holland*, and affirm'd, that there had been no Storm, and that the *Dutch* were not dispers'd, nor disabled,

disabled, but that they design'd to set Sail to Morrow or next Day at farthest.

That 4000 *Irish* landed at *Chester*, and did in a most Tyrannical manner oppress the Inhabitants, and that there has been a dismal Fight between them, and a great many slain on both sides.

That those Men who had 20 *l.* per Man to buy them Horses, were put on Ship-board, and their Horses taken from them, and a great many of them starved.

That the Arch-bishop of *Canterbury* refus'd to Christen the Prince of *Wales*.

That the L--d *Peterborough* has remov'd his Goods by Night to St. *James's*, and laid them there in a Vault, and that he has sent his Daughter into *France*.

That Father *Peters* desir'd his Majesty's Leave to depart the Nation, but the King refused it, telling him that since he had brought him into that Trouble, he should stay and take Part of it.

17. 'Tis Reported that the *Dutch* are Landed, and that the two Armies were seen Engaging. That the Inhabitants are Warn'd out of the *Tower*.

18. 'Tis Reported, That the Queen call'd the King Coward; and told him, if he had not been so, the Work might have been done before now.

That my Lord *Craven* told the King, He would never be at Peace, till he had lopp'd the Queen off shorter by the Head. That

That the Bishops, after leave was given them by the King, ask'd His Majesty, Whether the Child, call'd the Prince of *Wales*, was his, or no? And the King answer'd, he could not tell, but he thought it was. That they then desir'd His Majesty to let them Examin the Midwife, which the King condescended to. The Midwife being sent for, they Adjur'd her, as in the Presence of God, to give them a true Answer, to such Questions as they should ask; adding withal, That God would certainly D--n her if she did not. So they all ask'd her, Whether the Child, known by the Name of the Prince of *Wales*, was the Queen's Child? She answer'd, she could not tell, because the Queen was brought to Bed before she came into the Room.

That the *Dutch* are gone back again into their own Country.

That the Bishops desir'd His Majesty not to let *Peters* go out of the Nation, lest he should be Requir'd at his Hands; and that the King promis'd he should not.

That my Lord Chancellour's Goods are pack'd up, ready for a March.

That a Man was taken at St. *Martins*, in Womans Cloaths, with Fire-Balls, going to Fire St. *Martin's-Church*.

18. 'Tis Reported, That 700 *Irish* are to be Quarter'd to morrow in *Holbourn*.

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That there will not be a War between the *English* and *Dutch*.

19. 'Tis Reported, That 13 Thousand *Irish* are already come hither.

That when the Bishops were put in the *Tower*, the Papiſts in *Ireland* would have Rung the Bells, and that a certain Sexton, being a Proteſtant, would not let them into the Church. Whereupon they hal'd him before a Juſtice of Peace, who, being of their own Perſwaſion, order'd the Fellow to be put in the Stocks, which was accordingly done. At which time a merry Fellow, paſſing by, was pleas'd to ſay, *The Head is in the Tower, and the Feet is in the Stocks*.

21. 'Tis noiſ'd abroad by ſome, that the Lord Chancellour did receive the Sacrament at *St. Margaret's Church* in *Weſtmiſter*, and that his Chaplain preach'd then before him.

22. COMMON Fame reports, that the King, Queen, the Queen Dowager, moſt or all the Lords Temporal, and Spiritual, the Judges, Lord Mayor, and Aldermen of *London*, ſat in Council about the Affair of the Prince of *Wales*; but what the Reſult was, is not yet known. The Council ſat from 9 a Clock in the Morning till one in the Afternoon. Some ſay that Queen Dowager came out from Council, as red as a Turkey-cock. Some ſaid, it would be a Prince, or no Prince. Others ſaid, if he was prov'd a Prince, open Wars would be proclaimed

claimed against *Holland*. Others will have it that the Council could not agree.

That all the New-rai'd Men are to be sent to *France*, in order to lessen the Number of the *Protestants*, and to put the Church of *England* under Power of the *Roman Catholics*, and that those Soldiers who are sent to *France* are to be serv'd as the *De Wits* were in *Holland*.

That five *Irishmen* are sent to *Newgate* for killing their Landlord, and a Beadle who came to keep the Peace.

That but 14 of the 13000 *Irish*, who came over, are *Protestants*.

That the Lord S-----d, when he turn'd *Papist*, as a Penitent was order'd to come with a white Rod in his Hand, and knock at the Chappel Door. When the Priest within ask'd, *Who was there?* His Lordship was to Answer, *A Poor Heretick that begs to be admitted into the Communion of the Church.* That when he had repeated those words four or five times, he was Whipt, and so receiv'd into the Bosom of the Church.

That *Jefferies* was this Day Lord President of the Council, during its Sitting.

23. 'Tis said that a Milliner's House was search'd for Arms: and that the Messengers found a thousand Muskets, a thousand Brace of Pistols, besides Armour, which was there hid, till the Prince of *Orange* landed, and that several Writings were found of a New

Presbyterian Plot, to blow up the Church and State, as they had done before.

26. SEVERAL Lords and Ladies affirm'd upon Oath the Affidavit which they had made before the Chancellour, concerning the Prince of *Wales*. Some swore they saw the Child as soon as it was born, and that it was a Prince of *Wales*. Others, that they saw the Navel-string cut. Others, that they saw the Queen's Smock bloody. Others, that they heard the Queen cry out vehemently, and that she ask'd whether the Child was alive or dead, and whether it was a Boy or a Girl? And the Answer was made, a *Prince*. Some said the Child was carried out of the Room immediately, and that it was not known whether it was a Boy or a Girl for half an Hour after.

'Tis reported that the Lord Chancellour peep'd into the Queen's Bed, and saw every thing which was done to the Queen in her Labour.

That when a Weather-Cock was set up by the Banqueting-house, several said that the King had set-up his Bloody Standard.

27. AN Express came to the King with the Joyful News that the Dutch had lost 700 Horse, others say 7000.

28. THEY say the Lord S-----d is turned out of the Office of Principal Secretary of State,

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29. IT runs current that the Lord S-----d was turn'd out because he let his Clofet be broke open, and lost the League between the King of *England* and the King of *France*.

30. THEY say 'twas Coll. *Sidney's* Son, who broke open the Lord S-----d's Office, and caried away the League, or rather Agreement between the King of *England* and the King of *France*.

The whole Town-talk now is, that the *English* and *Dutch* Fleets are Engag'd.

Nov. 2 1688. We have an Account that the Prince of *Orange* fet Sail yesterday for *England*.

That a Man is put in Prison for spreading the *Pr.* of *Orange's* Manifesto.

This day being *All-Souls* Day, 'tis said that *Pontius Pilate's* Maid (who brought him the Message from his Wife, when he was upon the Judgment-Seat) catching hold of King *Charles* the 2d's Heels, as he came out of *Purgatory*, Advanc'd along with him.

3. THIS day they say, the King sent for all the Bishops, and ask'd the Arch-bishop in the Name of them all, whether they were concern'd in sending to invite the *Prince* of *Orange*, and the *Dutch* into *England*? The Arch-bishop answer'd No, nor ever would; Then the King asked him, whether he would set his Hand to an Abhorrence of the said Invasion?

Invasion? he answer'd no, neither would he concern himself with it, one way or other.

4. THE great News now is, that the *Dutch* landed 5000 Men at *Portsmouth*, which were Beaten back by the Militia, and are now gone farther West.

5. THE Courtiers tell us, that the King sent for the Lords Spiritual, to demand of them, whether they had any hand in bringing the *Prince of Orange* over. And they deny'd it, as the Bishops had done before.

This day the *Dutch* landed, by the Help of a Protestant Fog; and, as they say, have made themselves Masters of *Exeter*.

Within three Days the King goes against the *Dutch*.

The hottest Reports now about the Town, are of several large Cauldrons, Grid-Irons, Knives, &c. found in the New Mass-house in St. *Jones's*, with which, they say, the *Papists* design'd to destroy the Hereticks. This Story was first proclaim'd in *Newgate-Market*, by one *Honywood*, a Rogue of the first Magnitude, and thence spread through the City; which occasion'd the Destruction of that House.

The Town rings that the Butchers Apprentices threaten to pull down the Lord *Bartlet's* House, where the Chappel is, and are whetting their Hatchets on purpose for the Business.

7. 'Tis reported that the Lord S——d is murder'd.

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8. THE Papers tell us, that the Lord *Ch--rs* Brother, Headed a Regiment of Horse, against the *P. of Orange*, and that he and six Companies of them were slain, and the other six taken.

10. THEY say that 50520 *Dutch* are landed at *Dartmouth*, and that they have made themselves Masters of the City of *Exeter*, and rais'd a Bullwark, and digg'd a Trench round it. That their Ships are perpetually sailing from *Dartmouth* to *Holland* for more Men, and yet that the *P. of O.* has hung out his *white Standard* for Peace.

11. SOME say, if we can believe, that the King threatens the *West* with Fire and Sword unless they beat the *P. of O.* out again, and send him Home with a Flea in his Ear.

12. 'TIS reported that the Lord Bishop of *Exeter* came to his Majesty, to Make an Apology for the City's not holding out against the *P. of O.* and that the *P. of O.* knowing the King wanted no Money, borrow'd 300*l.* from one of the King's Excise-Men.

That the King designs to go himself against the *P. of O.* on *Thursday* next, and that Preparations are making accordingly.

That the King view'd the Foot this Morning, and Encourag'd them to Fight like Men for their King and Country.

That the *Dutch* are landed likewise at *York*.

13. THE Lord *Huntington* is order'd to guard the *Tower of London*.

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14. **THEY** say now, that the *King* will not go to his Army till *Monday*, because he is afraid the Apprentices will rise on *Queen Elizabeth's* Birth-day, and therefore he will stay till it is over.

That the *P. of O.* Muster'd 20000 Men at *Exeter*, and that his Army is now increas'd to 50520. That Deserters come over to him daily, who, being ask'd the Reason of their Desertion, say, that they fight not against the *King*, but against his Religion, and that having no Trade, they thought it better to fight for the *P. of O.* than for those who would Cut their Thoats after they have fought for them.

That the Prince has Arms and Armour for 50000 Men more.

15. 'Tis reported that the *London* Apprentices found seven Pulpits, stuck full of Spikes and Screws at the Top, to press them close down. Supposed to be made for the Seven Bishops.

That the Lord *Lovelace* with threescore Men in Arms, going to the *Prince*, was questioned, whither he was going by the Mayor of a small *Town* thro which he was to pass. But giving Mr. Mayor some saucy Language, such as Mr. Mayor's Worship could not digest, the Mayor caused fourescore *Troopers* to be rais'd, who fought him, and took him with eleven of his Men Prisoners.

That

That a Gentleman met Father *Peters*, and after the usual Compliments, ask'd him what News?

P. I don't much mind News now; but pray what do you hear?

G. 'Tis reported, that you are one of the Cunningest Statesmen we have.

P. Pray Sir, in what?

G. You, by your Cunning, have set the Nation together by the Ears, in less than four Years time, which all the Statesmen we have had in twenty Years before, could never do.

That her Majesty is promis'd a Troop of Guards, consisting of none but Gentlemen who will bear their own Charges, to serve her Majesty.

That an Express came in this Night, that Three Regiments of Horse have left their undoubted King, to follow the Prince of O. and that the *Jacobites* are very much down at the Mouth at the News.

That the *Dutch* are Threescore and twelve thousand Strong.

16. 'Tis reported, That the King goes to morrow to *Salisbury*; That Father *Peters* goes away to Night, and that the Pope's Nuncio is gone already.

That three Regiments of Foot are gone over to the Prince.

That Six hundred Men who Deserted, are return'd again to their Allegiance.

That Admiral *Herbert*, with the Lord *Dartmouth*, have sunk several *French* Ships which were coming hither, taken three, and put the rest to Flight. The *Irish* which were at *Dover*, taking the *French* Fleet for the *Dutch* (because the *French* and the *Dutch* build their Ships very much a like) kept them from landing there, by their continual Firing.

That Warning has been given to all House-keepers in *London* and *Westminster*, that they do not suffer their Apprentices or Children to stir out after Five a Clock to morrow, till *Monday* next.

That the Apprentices swear they will pull down the Pope's Nuncio's House, and that they will burn a Pope to morrow which cost them 40*l*. and that they are resolv'd to clear the City of *Papists*.

That the Prince of *O*. Drinks the King his Father's Health daily in the Camp, and is expected at *Whitehall* within two Days.

That the Officers who Guard the *Tower*, are very Apprehensive that the Apprentices will Seize it.

17 'Tis reported, That Father *Peters*, going out of Town this Day, with some of the King's Guards, met with a Party of Highway-Men, who Robb'd him of 600 Broad Pieces of Gold.

That Peace had been concluded between the King and the Prince, but the Queen with *Peters* and the rest prevented it. 18. THIS

18. THIS Day they say, the Lords *Spiritual* and *Temporal* sent a Petition to the King about Calling a *Free Parliament*, which was deliver'd by the Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*; for which the King call'd them Rebels and Traytors.

19. THE Common Discourse about Town, is, that the King sent the *Lord Dartmouth* with the Fleet to *France*, to fetch 10000 Men for his Use: But the Officers of the *Fleet* finding them to be *Frenchmen*, call'd a *Council of War*, in which they resolv'd not to receive them. The King of *France* understanding that they would not receive them, order'd them to be Transported into *England* in his own Ships, and he sent a Million of Gold with them. But Sir *Jeremy Smithson* and Admiral *Herbert* joining, stopp'd their Journey, and prevented their Design; for they met 'em, fought 'em, burnt and sunk thirteen Sail, and took some, the *Lord Dartmouth* standing by, and looking on, but helping neither, tho he pretended very much to be in the Interest of the King.

That the Queen beat the King again, just before he went out again to the *P. of Orange*.

That *Gadbury* foretells the King good Success, and an happy Victory over his Enemies.

That the Queen went to the Princess of *Denmark's* in a Rage, and served her as she

had the King, for saying, the *P. of O.* would not hurt an Hair of his Father's Head.

20. THEY say the Queen sits in Council as Queen Regent, and dispatches Business there.

21 'Tis the Coffeehouse Talk, that the Protestant Officers and Soldiers petitioned the King for a Free Parliament, promising him, that if the *P. of O.* would offer to Invade the Crown after the Parliament sat, they would Aid and Assist him with their Lives and Fortunes to Force him away; but if not, they would stand Neuter in Obedience to the Oath of Allegiance they had taken to his Majesty.

Some who have taken the Oaths to his Majesty and his lawful Heirs, say, they cannot in Conscience fight against the Prince for that Reason.

They say, that Col. *Oglethorp*, with a Party of Soldiers engag'd the *Dutch* at *Exeter*-Bridge, but was routed by them.

That the Earl of *Devonshire* has seisd *Chester*, and that several other Lords are up in Arms in the *North*.

'Tis reported, that the Prince's Army is marched from *Exeter*, and gone to join the Lords in the *North*.

That the King of *France* being at Dinner, o'th' suddain burst out a Laughing, which being observ'd by the Nobles, some of them desired his Majesty to let them know the Occasion

Occasion of his Mirth, that they might participate with him. The King told them he Laugh'd to think of his Brother of *England* who propos'd to Establish the *Roman Catholick Religion* in *England*, with an Army of *Protestants*.

'Tis reported, that the Lord C----- is kill'd, and that Col. *Kirk* is cut to pieces by his own Soldiers.

That the King is returned from *Salisbury* to *Whitehall*, Incognito.

23. THEY say, that Admiral *Herbert* has taken two Millions of Gold from the *French*.

That 40000 *French*, and 30000 *Irish* are coming into *England* to assist the King, and pull down the *Protestant Religion*.

That the King designs for *Portsmouth* with the Queen.

That there has been a Skirmish between the *English* and *Dutch*. Some say the *English*, some the *Dutch*, got the better.

24. 'Tis said, the King Bleeds very much at the Nose, and that he has been blooded for it, but that will not stop it.

That the Lord Mayor and Aldermen have petitioned for a Free Parliament.

25. 'Tis reported, that the Queen, like a true Virago, beat the Lord *Craven*, where-upon he laid down his Commission.

That the Princess of *Denmark* has Miscarried upon the Queen's giving her a Box on the Ear.

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26. 'Tis reported, that the Sceptre dropt from the Effigy of *Queen Mary* at the *Royal Exchange*, which certainly portends the Downfal of *Popish Government* in this *Kingdom*.

27. 'Tis reported, that the Princess of *Denmark* was taken out of her Bed last Night, that no body knows what is become of her.

That all her wearing Cloaths are left behind, and that she is therefore murder'd by the Papists. That great Lamentation is made for the loss of her, and some charge the *Queen* with making her away. That all the Protestant Officers, in general, declare that it is time for them to look to themselves, since she, who was the only Prop of the *Protestant Religion* is gone. That a great Lady boldly accus'd the *Queen* with her Death, and told her Majesty she should be dealt with according to Law for it:

That three hours after, an Express came to the *Queen* from his Majesty, which brought the News that the *Prince of Denmark*, the Dukes of *Grafton* and *Northumberland*, the Lord *Bartlet*, Col. *Kirk*, with 7000 Men (some say 10000, others 12000) are gone over to the *Prince of Orange*.

That the *Queen* was desir'd to send the Lady *C-----* to the *Tower*; but, being *Sunday*, she was perswaded to defer it till *Monday*. The Lady *C-----* being advertis'd of the *Queen's* Design, thought it the best way
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to make her Escape from Court. Accordingly she sent to those Lady's, whose Husbands were gone to the *Pr. of Orange*, to meet at such an Hour of the Night, and to secure themselves by flight which they accomplish'd.

That the *King* is very ill, and is to be brought to Town to Day in a *Horse-Litter*.

That the Prince has seiz'd all the Militia.

That the *King* came home at five a Clock, but not in a *Horse-Litter*.

That the Princess of *Denmark's* Women are sent to the *Tower*, upon Pretence of having Murder'd her.

That the Princess is only gone aside for Security, and has carried all her Jewels away with her.

That the Citizens, upon the News of the Princesses Departure, shut up their Gates, and would not let Coaches, or Carts, or Men on Horseback pass thro them.

That the P. of O. sent an Express to the King, that if he could prove the *Prince of Wales* to be his Lawful Son and Heir, and would bring him up in the *Protestant Religion*, he would depart the Kingdom: But the Queen, in a Rage, said, she would sooner see him torn in pieces, than have him brought up in that Opinion.

28. 'Tis reported, that a Letter was sent to a *Roman Catholick* in the City, from one of the same Perswasion, to advise him to get out

out of it; because they were resolved to Batter it down, unless they would condescend to the King.

That the King resolves to possess himself of *Windsor* Castle.

That the Queen had a Child, and a Male Child too, but that it died, as soon as Born, and that a *Catholick* Lord's Miss, who was brought to Bed of a Son the Day before, was perswaded by Father *Peters* to part with her Son for the Advancement of Religion, and a Gratuity of 4000 *l.* That Father *Peters* injoyn'd her, at Confession, to go in a *Nunnery*, with a Promise, that the Queen would provide for her there. That the poor *Whore* accepted the Conditions, and went away with the Priest and Letter (as she thought) of Recommendation, when it was purely a *Bellerophon's*. That by making the *Priest* drunk at Sea, she got it from him, found the Contents to this Effect: That the Lady *Abbess*, was thereby commanded to dispatch her, for fear of a Discovery, she being the true Mother of the *Pr. of Wales*. Whereupon she forged another Letter, and put it into his Pocket, resolving to make her Escape as soon as she got to Shore. When they were landed, 'twas her good Fortune to lodge at an honest Man's House (tho a *Papist*) to whom she imparted the Secret; having first Sworn him to Secrecy, and promised him an hundred Pounds to Conduct her to the *P. of O.* which

which he pretended to do : But what was the Result of this Intrigue, and how far the Story gain'd Credit, Time has not yet discover'd.

That the Queen call'd the King Cowardly Fool, and told him if he had not been so, he would have Fought his Enemies. Which so enrag'd him, that he vowed the Child call'd *Prince of Wales* was not the Child of her Body, and that he would Sacrifice it with his own Hands. Which so enrag'd the Queen, that she fell upon him and beat him handsomly.

That the Reason why several of the Nobility went off from the King is, because he would not yield to call a Free Parliament.

29. 'Tis reported, that the King has condescended to call a *Free Parliament*, and that the Proclamation will come out to day or to morrow.

That the King goes to *Windsor*, and that the Prince will Sit in Parliament.

That the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, came to Congratulate his Majesty's safe return home to *White Hall*, and presented a Petition to his Majesty, that he would be pleased to issue out his Royal Proclamation for a *Free Parliament* : At which his Majesty was very much displeased, and told them, he would soon make the City sensible of their Presumption : To which the Lord Mayor made Answer, That he hop'd his Majesty

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would be better advised, since twas for the Safety of his Royal Person, the Preservation of the City and Nation, and to prevent the Effusion of *Christian* Blood. That the King reply'd, if they had comply'd with his Demands for Men and Money, they had never come to that pass; but since they had not, he would leave the Army to deal with them, and to dispute his Power with them at the Sword's Point. To which the Lord Mayor answer'd; *If that is your Majesty's Resolution, I will Alarm the City immediately, and try what we can do.* Which the King hearing, said, *I find I have a Potent Enemy, a Rebelious, Factionous City, to deal with, and so dismiss'd them.*

That a certain Lord, who shall be nameless, being one of the Council, made this Speech to his Majesty. Sir, *'Tis a Maxim in our Law, that the King can do no wrong, but his Ministers may, and call'd to an Account for it too. Now, in this Juncture of Affairs, what would you have us do to appease the Nation, since the People have been so provok'd by the Papists: As Things stand now, what would you have us do for your Majesty's Security? When your Majesty was at Salisbury, you might have had some Remedy: But what say the People now? The King is run away with his Army, and the Prince advances with 50000 Men; besides the Lords are behind him with 40000 more, and we are left defenceless,*
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and must therefore side with the prevailing Party. I think the only way to appease the Nation, is to banish the Priests, hang up Offenders, and call a Free Parliament.

That the King Spit in the Lord Chancellour's Face.

That the P. of O. is within 40 Miles of London, and is expected there within two Days.

That the Country supplies even the Princes Foot-Soldiers with Horses for their Journey, which they return very honestly.

That the King would grant free Pardon to all who went over to the Prince, provided the Lord Chancellour might not be call'd to Account. But the Council would not yield to it.

30. 'Tis reported that the Queen will not let the King call a free Parliament, tho' he promised the Council he would, and order'd the Chancellour to proclaim it in *Westminster-Hall*.

That a Boy was taken on the 27th instant, with several Fire-Balls in his Pocket, who upon Examination confess'd, he had them from a *Frenchman*, who, being apprehended, said, they were only the Remains of some late publick Fire-Works, &c. Nothing being prov'd against either of them, they were discharg'd. But 'tis confidently reported the Justice is Popishly affected, and that their Design was to set the City on Fire.

We hear since, that on the 28th instant, another Person was surpriz'd with the like damnable Implements; that he was in Custody, but escap'd thro' the Key-holes of the Prison.

DEC. 2. 1688. 'Tis reported that my Lord *Delamere*, was Way-laid by several *Roman-Catholicks*, who shot many of his Men, and he himself was wounded.

That Father *Peters*, when the Rumour that the *Dutch Fleet*, design'd for *England*, was confirm'd, went to a Conjuror, and ask'd him, Whether he could shew him the *Dutch Fleet*, who answer'd him he could; and accordingly cast a Scheme, and shew'd it him. Father *Peters* ask'd him whether he could sink it or no? He answer'd he would tell him in four or five days. *Peters* accordingly came, and the Conjuror told him the *Pope* being sick, the Devils were so busy, that they could not afford time to do it. *Peters* laugh'd, gave him five Guineas, and so went away.

4. 'Tis reported that the *Roman-Catholicks* have some very great Design on Foot, because the King has sent several Companies of Horse and Foot to *Windsor*.

That a Letter was sent to Mr. *James Netterveill* in *Gracechurch-street*, to this Effect. That above 13000 Loyal Catholicks are lately come to lodg and dwell in this City, besides what are in the Army; that they increase daily, and that they hope to accomplish their Designs these long dark Nights. That

That the *P.* of *O.* has sent his Declaration to the Lord Mayor of *London*, to all High Sheriffs, &c. ordering them forthwith to disarm the *Papists*.

That one Justice *Payn* is sent to *Newgate* for Inventing the *Protestant* Bridles, New-Fashion'd Instruments, much like unto a Head-piece, with a Bit and rough Plate to go into the Mouth, which upon the least Motion of the *Tongue* would make it bleed, and a Screw at the top, with which the can squeeze the Eyes out of one's Head, and a place at top whereto they may fasten a Bell and a Rope to lead the *Protestants* about.

That several Consecrated Knives and Grid-Irons have been lately found in and about the City.

That some Persons have attempted to poyson the *P.* of *O.* others to run him through.

6. 'Tis reported, that the *Papists* pretended, that the *Ghost* of a Person, buried some time since, walked and appear'd to several, declaring, that it could not rest unless it was buried under the Pulpit at *St. Clements's Church*. Which being done, and a Sermon Preach'd upon the Occasion, the Rector of the *Church* went home and to Bed. Waking about the middle of the Night, he told his Wife he dream'd his *Church* was on Fire, and going to Sleep again, he dream'd the same Dream; whereupon he immediatly arose, and caused the Corps then Buried under

der the Pulpit, to be dug-up again. When, O wonderful ! to the Amazement of the Spectators, he found no Corps, but the *Coffin* fill'd with *Fire-Balls* and other Combustibles, and a Match lighted to have blown-up the *Church*.

That some *Irishmen* went into an House at *Windfor*, and demanded some *Viſtuals*, which the Woman of the House refusing them, one of them took a Spit and one of her Children, and swore he would roast it immediately, if she would not comply with them. Where-upon the Woman was forc'd to do it to save her Children.

That the Inhabitants of *Southwark* were up in Arms last Night, upon their Guard, for fear of a *Massacre*, which was then so confidently reported, that most Parts of the Kingdom expected it at the same time.

6. THAT several have been taken-up for having *Fire-Balls*, and sent to Prison.

That some People set an House on Fire in *Southwark*, by scraping some part of a *Fire-ball* upon a Table, and made their Escape.

7. THEY say, that the Duke of *Grafton* is kill'd, and that the Pr. of *Wales* is dead, tho alive and well at St. *James's*.

That a *Massacre* is to be on *Sunday* next, and that several *Towns* are upon their Guard to prevent the Mischief.

8. THAT a Man was taken in *Tuttle-street* with *Fire-balls* about him, and sent to the *Gate-House*. That

That a Man was seen on *Henry* the Seventh's *Chappel* in a Red Coat, suppos'd to have Fire-balls, but made his Escape.

That the King's Army and the Prince's have had a Battle at *Staynes*, and that the Prince's cut off an whole Regiment, except four Men.

That Father *Peters* is taken in a large *Canonical Gown* and *Cassock*, cut out of *St. Paul's* own Cloak, for the *Romish Priests* to Scamper off invisible: But it would not do.

That the Queen is gone away privately with the young Prince.

That 50 of the Prince's Men, meeting with the Lord *Dunbarton's* Regiment, were all slain except five. Which the Prince of O. hearing, sent such a Guard of Soldiers, as cut off his Men, and he himself hardly escaped with Life.

9. THIS Day tis reported, that the King went away with a Troop of Guards, and was met by the Lord Mayor, but would not stay to speak with him.

Tis also reported, that 13 Barrels of *Gun-powder* were found in Mr. *Pawlet's* Cellar, at the *Blue-Posts* in the *Hay-Market*, six in *Orchard-street* in *Westminster*, nine in *Greek-street*, and in several other Places, in order to blow up, and set several Streets on Fire.

Several Barrels of *Cyder* being brought to a Cellar in the *Broad Sanctuary* in *Westminster*, were suppos'd to be *Gun-powder*, and a Guard was accordingly set upon them. 10. Tis

10. Tis said, that the King went away this Day, and that a Council of War is called, in order to dispose of the Arms, and to declare for the Prince.

Tis said the Train'd Bands go out this Day, and that the House of the *Pope's Nuncio* in *Petty-France* will be search'd.

12. THE Lord *Chancellour* endeavouring to make his Escape in the Habit of a Servant, was taken at *Wapping*, bargaining with a Master Collier to carry him to *Newcastle*. He was discover'd thus: He had struck a Bargain with the Collier for his Passage, and was drinking with him in an Alehouse. When the Maid of the House ask'd the Collier, whether he knew the Man he had Bargain'd with? No, reply'd he. He is, said she, the Lord *Chancellour*, and I'll swear it before any *Justice of Peace*. Upon this they charg'd a Constable with him. Who with a Strong Guard, carry'd him before the *Lord Mayor*, who swoon'd upon the sight of him; but recovering himself a little, at the Desire of the *Chancellour*, he had the Courage to order his *Mittimus*, and sent him to the *Tower*.

13. THE Town now rings with the Report of the *Post-Boy*, who alledges that three days ago, he saw several *Irishmen* upon the Roads, who Robb'd and cut the Throats of Men, Women, and Children. This report was rais'd in the Dead-time of the Night,
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which alarm'd the whole City, and made them all stand upon their Guard, some to heighten the Fear, affirming that six Thousands of them were at *Hyde-Park* Corner. The four Companies of the Train-bands which were upon the Guard were drawn out to engage them. The Cannons from *White-Hall*, and Company of Horse were planted in the way to meet them, and hinder their Approach to the City. At last the Formidable Enemy come up, and prov'd to be nothing else but 600, instead of six Thousand poor, disbanded, un-arm'd Fellows, who had scarce a Knife to cut their Victuals, and were Begging their Way into their own Country. This Alarm was spread over all *England* at the same time.

14. 'Tis reported that Father *Peters* was taken Crying *Brooms* in *Kent*. Others say he was taken Crying *Oranges* in *Yorkshire*. But he was wiser than to be caught like a Fool.

15. THE current News is, that the King, the Queen, and all the Retinue that went with the King, are taken at *Feversham* in *Kent*.

Others say that the King is dead, and has never been out of Town, but lies Dead, povson'd at St. *James's*.

Others will have it, that the King is at *Feversham*, sick, that he Bleeds very much, and that several Physicians are gone down to him; but that the Queen and Prince are

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arrived safe at *Dunkirk*. Others say they are in *England*.

15. 'Tis reported that the King was taken in a Disguise, and that the Rebels beat him severely, because he would not confess who he was; and that he was seen to Skulk upon a Hill a Day and Night together.

16. THIS day the King being expected at *White-Hall*, thousands of Spectators flock'd to expect his Coming. As he came along he was Saluted with loud Huzza's, and loud Acclamations of Joy. Upon which his Majesty was pleas'd to say, he found his People did not hate their King, but his Religion.

18. THE News is now wholly about the King's Leaving his Crown. For 'tis concluded that he is gone to *France*. The Censures of People are very various at this time, Some say one thing, some another. The Generality accuse him of Cowardice for Running away, for Reasons best known to themselves.

N. B. During the remaining Part of this Month, the Town was amus'd with divers ridiculous Stories of the like Tendency; we shall therefore proceed to the Beginning of the New Year.

JAN. 1. 1688. THIS day we had the following Account of a Jesuit, who went from *England* to *Holland*, some time before the Prince of *Orange* made his Descent into *England*, in a Disguise, pretending himself to have

have belong'd to some Nobleman, whom he left upon the score of Religion. The Prince entertain'd him at his *Court*; but he had not been there above fifteen days, before a Gentleman chanced to come to Court, who knew the Jesuit, and took the Liberty to ask the Prince how he came to admit that Man into his Court, assuring him that he was a Jesuit, and that he himself had been with him at St. Omers. And to convince the Prince that he was certainly the Man, he told him he had a great Cut behind his right Ear. Upon this, it was agreed, that the next time the Jesuit came, the Gentleman should salute him by the Title of Father; which he accordingly did. But the Jesuit deny'd it, and was going to take his leave, when the Gentleman pulling him by the Peruke, it straitways fell off, and discover'd the Cut in his Ear. The Prince seeing this, threatned the good Father with immediate Death, if he would not Confess the Occasion of his Coming. The Father not at all caring to go to Heaven in a String, told him there was a Design against *Holland, England, Scotland and Ireland*; and that if he would stop the Packet Boat, which was just then going off, he might discover the whole Plot. The Boat was accordingly stopp'd, and several Letters found, tending to the Design; and the Jesuit himself, they say, is now sent over to Testify the same to the Parliament.

2. 'Tis now the universal Cry among the Whigs, that King *James* was not our lawful King, but that he Usurp'd the Throne; and that the Prince did well to send him away, or else they would have serv'd him as they did his Father, according to the Laws of the Land.

4. 'Tis said, that when the Prince went to Visit the Queen Dowager, and by way of Discourse, ask'd her concerning the Prince of *Wales*, she answer'd him, That she was in the Number of the Deponents indeed, but truly as she was the Daughter, Sister, Wife, and Widow of a King, she would never Swear to any thing she knew so False, and so great a Cheat upon the Nation.

10. THE Prince finding but 40000*l.* in the Treasury, the City agreed to lend his Highness 100000*l.* which being Rais'd by Subscription, amounted to 150000*l.*

19. THE Lord Chancellour *Jefferies* being a *Prisoner* in the *Tower*, and hearing that the *Peers* had address'd the *Pr.* of *Orange* to take upon him the Government of the Kingdom, began as the Report goes, to recollect a Dream he had, when he was a Boy at *St. Paul's* School, that he should be the Second Man in the Kingdom; but in Conclusion should die in his Shoes. The remembrance of which so terrify'd him, that he never was his own Man afterwards.

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22. THIS day the Lords *Spiritual* and *Temporal*, together with the *Commons*, assembled at the *Parliament House*, where they first voted an Address of Thanks to the *P.* of *O.* for Adventuring his Person not only to the Danger of the Seas, but to the hazard of his Life and Person on the Land, in Defence of the *Protestant Religion*, and that he would be pleas'd to accept the Government till further Orders from the Houses.

They voted also a Thanksgiving on the 31st day of this Month, for the signal Blessings this Kingdom receiv'd by the Coming of his Highness the *Prince of Orange*.

Also that Dr. *Burnet* should be desir'd to Preach before the *House of Commons* at *St. Margaret's Westminster*.

That the *Protestants* in *Ireland* have entred into an Association, and resolve to follow the *Glorious Example* of the *English* in whatsoever they do. That in Case the *Papists* live peaceably, they will not disturb them: but if they offer to Rise (or be but reported to design it) they will not leave a *Papist* in *Ireland*.

FEB. 1. 1688-9 THEY say, the Lords and Commons do not agree, and that a Noble Lord drew his Sword in the House, upon which the Commons rose in a Huff, and would not sit that Day.

3. 'Tis reported, that one of the Commons, making a Speech to the Lords, told them he knew a time, when those Gentlemen, without Swords, (meaning the Bishops) were voted out of the House as useless. That the Duke of G-----n rose up, and said, Gentlemen, your Meaning is very plain; they were so; but what follow'd? Were not the rest of the Lords kick't out likewise? To Vote the Bishops useless, is the direct way to have the whole House of Peers so. And let me tell you, says he, clapping his Hand on his Sword, *As long as I wear a Sword, it shall be to maintain their Right against all Innovators.* At which the Commons withdrew, with a Flea in their Ears.

6. THE News from *France* tell us, that the King of *France* went to visit the Prince of *Wales*, and as he took him into his Arms, the Child clasp'd his Hands about his Neck. At which the King said, *Poor Infant, I'll maintain thy Cause.*

8. 'Tis reported that the Queen of *England* has twenty thousand pounds *per An.* allow'd her from *England*.

That the *King* is arriv'd safely in *France*, and that the Queen continues still to beat and abuse him; that she calls him Coward, and says if he durst to have fought, they had not been driven out of their Kingdoms.

9. 'Tis reported, that when the Convention was in a Dispute, whether *K. James* had Abdicated

Abdicated his Kingdoms or not, some were of Opinion, that he had not, but was forc'd out of 'em. Upon which Mr. *Wh-----ton* stood up and said, it was not then a Time to dispute of it; That he and some others had drove him out, and by God's Assistance would keep him out. Upon which Sir R. *N-----er* rose up and said, *He could not say that he drove K. James out; but since he was out, he would, with God's Grace, do his honest Endeavour to keep him out.*

10. 'Tis reported, that while the Convention sat about Settling the Crown, the P. of O. having his set Days, for Company and Diversion, was drinking with several of the Lords and Commoners, and being very merry, he ask'd old *Hambden* what News, and how the Commons stood affected? Says *Hambden*, *A great many are for King James, a great many for a Commonwealth, and but few for your Highness.* Say you so, reply'd the P. of O. drawing his Sword, *but so long as I can weild this I'll make the Commonwealths Men for some King or other.* Which struck *Hambden* into such a Fit of Melancholy, that he rudely went away without taking his Leave.

20. THE Accounts we have from the Country tell us, the *Dutch* Soldiers are grown so damnably proud and insolent upon the Promotion of the Prince of O. to the Crown of *England*, that they begin already to insult
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our Natives. They are grown so Lawless, that they do e'en what they please. They take what they will, and they pay what, and when they will, with Oaths, and Blows into the Bargain.

'Tis reported that some private Letters from *France* say, that King hath given *K. James* a Chappel at *Marli*, for the Use of the *Protestants*, and that the Bishop of *Chester* and two other Divines of the Church of *England*, daily perform Worship therein, with all the Ceremonies and Rights belonging to that Church.

21. A PERSON arriv'd this Week from *Ireland*, who belong'd to the Ordnance under *Tyrconel*, who saith, that *Tyrconel's* Forces are not so considerable as it was generally reported: and that the people were tir'd out with waiting for Succours from *England*. That 15000 Horse and Foot compleat, are in the North of that Kingdom, ready to joyn the *English* upon their Arrival.

27. THE whole Discourse at this time is about the Earl of *Essex's* Ghost. A Story rais'd by some who would prove something if they could. They say this terrible Apparition appear'd to the Lord Chancellour in the *Tower*, with the Throat cut, and bleeding afresh, and utter'd these words: *Wretch! Remember Essex, remember Essex.* This terrible Spectre put the Lord Chancellour into such an Agony, that he confess'd more hands
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than one were imploy'd to sing that Lord's Pass into the other World. Meaning, as the Party wou'd have it, *K. Charles* the Second and the Duke of *York*.

28. KING *William* made a Speech in the Parliament House, that day being the first in which he appear'd as King in the House of Lords.

MAR. 1. 1688-9. TIS reported, that Admiral *Herbert* being sent by *K. W.* with 30 Men of War to Cruise on the *Irish* Coasts, and hinder the *French* from Landing, took a *French* Ship bound for *Ireland*, and laden with new-fashion'd Knives, to Maffacre the Protestants there; but the *French* Ship unhappily sprung a-Leak, and sank to the bottom with all those Bloody Instruments; so that we never could have the satisfaction of seeing them in *England*.

2. THIS day *K. W.* gave Orders for the fitting out a Fleet of 60 Men of War, and sent back part of the *Dutch* Forces for *Holland*.

6. A CAPTAIN lately come from *St. Germains*, brings the Account of King *James's* Death, with the following Particulars; which some People are ready to Swear to, because they wish it; That King *James* Sicken'd about Ten days since, and being upon his Death-Bed, he sent for the K. of *France*, and thank'd him for his Kindness to

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him, but told him, that he had been misled the greatest part of his Life, by hearkning to the Sophistry and Ill Council of the accursed *Jesuits*; that by their Advice he had caused the Earl of *Essex* and his own Brother, King *Charles* the 2^d to be Murther'd, and design'd the Ruin of all his Protestant Subjects, but that the *P. of O.* came timely in to their Relief; That by the Instigation of the *Queen* and Father *Peters*, he had imposed a pretended Prince of *Wales* upon the Nation, for that the Child called by that Title, was neither the *Queens* nor his Son by any other Woman: That he said he could not Die quietly before he had discovered the Imposture to his most Christian Majesty. This the Captain affirms positively for Truth, and that he saw the King dead, and laid in his Coffin, and that another gave a Guinea to see him thro the Key-hole.

8. Tis now past Dispute reported, that Father *Peters* the *Jesuit*, was Apprehended and Taken, as he was Holding-forth at a Quakers Meeting in *Bristol*. The manner thus: Our Pious Father had learnt the Cant of the Quakers so exactly, that it was almost impossible for any one to distinguish him from a real Brother; with that Assurance he ventures to teach among them; when lo! for you must know the *Devil* ow'd him a Spight, one *R. C.* came accidentally into the Meeting; this *R. C.* was an Inhabitant of
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Bath, whose Daughter, this very Sanctify'd Father *Peters* had Debauch'd and gotten with Child, that Summer in which he was at the *Bath* with the Quen; R. C. seeing *Peters* herding among those Cattle, had him seiz'd in the Meeting-house, to the great Surprize both of *Peters* and the rest of the Congregation, *Peters* had Impudence enough to deny that he was the Person, but that would not avail; so he was sent to Prison, and he is expected suddainly in Town.

10. 'Tis reported that the King of *France* is very familiar with the Queen of *England*, that he Kisses her in private, and has banish'd Father *Peters* out of *France* for that purpose, tho they pretend that he is put out from thence for *Evil Council*.

14. THEY say, that King *James* sent a Letter to the Convention of *Scotland*, which they read, and were so displeased with, that they committed the Gentleman, who brought it, to the Custody of a Serjeant at Arms.

THIS day K. *James* arrived at *Kingsale* in *Ireland*.

17. TIS reported, that the Parliament has presented K. W. with 420000 *l*.

THAT the Convention of *Scotland* have approved what the Nobility and Gentry of *England* have done, in praying K. W. to accept the Government of their Kingdom; and have order'd Arms and Ammunition to be

sent forthwith into *Ireland* for the Assistance of the *Protestants* of that Kingdom.

18. THEY say, that Colonel *Wolsely* has writ a Letter to D. *Schomberg* from *Belturbat* in *Ireland*, giving an Account that he sent out a Party the Night before, under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel *Echlin*, to beat up the Enemies Quarters at *Cavan*; and at the same time gave Orders for attacking of *Butler's Bridge* the next Morning, which was accordingly done by a Party of Horse, and 50 Foot of Col. *Earle's* Detachment; who behaved themselves extreamly well, and beat the Rebels from their Breast-work, and getting over the River pursued them, who were about 60, Kill'd 20, and took 16 Prisoners, without the loss of one Man: That from thence they Marched to *Cavan*, and joyn'd the other Party; that the Enemy having notice of their coming, had posted themselves behind the Walls of the Houses, that were burnt before: But that his Men advancing, beat them from thence, and kill'd above 60 of them. Col. *Wauchop*, who Commands in the Fort, not daring to stir out; and that he lost but eight Men and one Ensign in the Action.

21. THE Letters we have from *Edinburgh*, give us this Account. That the Convention sent to D. *Gourdon*, Governor of the Castle in *Edinburgh*, to deliver up the Castle into
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their hands. That he desir'd an Indemnity for all that was past, and Security for the future; which was agreed to, in so far as he had acted as a *Papist*. That he then crav'd 24 Hours time to consider of it which was granted. That the Earls of *Tweedale* and *Lothian* were again sent to the D. of *Gourdon*, to require him to deliver up the *Castle*; but instead of that, he demanded 12 Days more, and after several Massages, he declar'd he would not deliver up the *Castle* at all. That upon this, the *Convention* sent up the *Heralds at Arms*, to charge him in the Name, and by the Authority of the *Convention*, to deliver up the *Castle* immediately upon Pain of *Treason*. That upon his Refusal, they proclaimed him a Traytor and Rebel.

24. Tis reported, that the Condition of the *Protestants* in *Ireland* is very deplorable. That they are plundered of all they have, Stript, and left Naked in the Fields. That there has been an Engagement in the *North of Ireland*, in which 6000 *Irish*, and 4000 *Protestants* were kill'd.

25. Tis reported, that the Forces sent by K. *William* into *Scotland*, under the Command of Major General *Mackay*, arriv'd at *Edinburgh*; and that the States of *Scotland* have given him a Commission in their own Name, to be Commander in Chief of their Forces; and to let the World know what they would be at (if they could) they ordered the

the Magistrates of *Edinburgh* to take an Oath of Fidelity to the *Convention*.

30. TIS reported, that Sir. *Geo. Lockhart* was shot dead as he came from Church at *Edinburgh*; he was Lord President of the Sessions of *Scotland*.

APRIL. I. 1689. They say, the *Convention* in *Scotland* have pass'd an Act to this Effect. That King *James* the 7th, being a profess'd *Papist*, did assume the Regal Power, and Acted as King without ever taking the Oath required by Law; That he had altered the Fundamental Constitution of that Kingdom, and introduc'd Tyrannick Government, to the Subversion of the *Protestant* Religion, and the Violation of the Laws and Liberties of the Nation, and thereby forfeited all his Right to the Crown, and made the Throne vacant.

THAT they immediately pass an Act to Settle the Crown of *Scotland* upon K. *William* and Q. *Mary*.

3. They report, that the Duke *Schomberg* and the Earl of *Devonshire* are made Knights of the Garter; and that Dr. *Burnet* is sworn Chancellor of that Order.

4. TIS reported, that the Lord *Jefferies*, late Lord Chauncellour, being sick in the *Tower of London*, began to have some dreadful Apprehensions of a future State, which brought him to a *Confession*. That he look'd
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upon himself, as deservedly the Hatred and Scorn of the whole *Kingdom*. That he had lost his Credit and Reputation by the General Attack he gave the Charter of *London* by the *Quo Warranto* Project: for which he was very sorry, and begg'd Pardon of the City and Nation. That to his great Affliction, he had shed a great deal of Innocent Blood in the *West*, and triumphed in his Cruelty. That he had wheedled poor *Cornish* (who knew no more of a *Plot* than those who were as deep as the deepest in it) to a Gibbet, and *Russell* to a Scaffold. That by his Advice, several *Charters* were Dissolved, some Bishops Ensnar'd to Read the King's Declaration, the Bishop of *London* Silenc'd and Suspended by the Ecclesiastical High Commission, the Fellows of *St. Mary Magdalen College* turn'd out, &c.

5. THIS Day, they say, Admiral *Herbert* Sail'd with his Fleet from *Spithead*. The Bishop of *Bristol* is made Bishop of *Exeter*.

11. THIS Day K. *William* and Q. *Mary* were crown'd at *Westminster* by the Bishop of *London*. The most Reverend Arch-Bishop *Sancroft* being absent, as not approving the Business of the Day.

APPENDIX.

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Bishop BURNET'S *Account* of the pretended *Irish Massacre*, in 1688.

“ A Panick Fear, which next Day (*Dec. 10.*)
 “ alarm'd the City of *London*, contributed
 “ much to the Censure pass'd on the Earl of
 “ *Feverſham*, for his ſo ſuddenly diſbanding the
 “ Army, which was look'd upon to be a raſh
 “ and unadvis'd Act: For ſome Country Fellows
 “ arriving about Midnight at *Westminster*, caus'd
 “ a ſudden Uproar, by reporting, that the *Irish*,
 “ in deſperate Rage, were advancing to *London*,
 “ and putting all before them to Fire and Sword.
 “ This not only rais'd the *Train'd Bands* and
 “ *Regimental Troops*; but moſt People left their
 “ *Beds*, plac'd *Lights* in their *Windows*, and
 “ ſtood to their *Arms*; but what's very ſtrange,
 “ this univerſal Terror ſpread it ſelf that very
 “ Night over the whole Kingdom. An effectual
 “ *Stratagem* commonly aſcrib'd to the Duke of
 “ *Shomberg*.“

Mr. RAPIN'S *Account* of the ſame
 Affair.

“ SOME *Irish* Soldiers (ſays the Sagacious Mr.
 “ *Rapin*) of the diſbanded Troops finding
 “ themſelves Money-leſs, and incapable of
 “ ſubſiſting in a Country where they were ſo
 “ generally

“ generally hated, took it into their Heads to
 “ force open a Country House, to keep them-
 “ selves from starving. Upon this a Man in the
 “ Neighbourhood ran directly to *London*, crying,
 “ as he pass’d, *That the Irish were up and march-*
 “ *ing to London, firing of Houses, and putting*
 “ *Man, Woman, and Child to the Sword.* The
 “ News immediately flew through the City, and
 “ gave the Inhabitants a Terror which is not to
 “ be express’d. This Terror encreas’d as the
 “ News spread, by an Addition of Circumstances
 “ and Particulars, which serv’d to heighten it.
 “ The City was in an Alarm all Night, expecting
 “ every Moment the Arrival of the *Irish*. Some
 “ prepar’d for Flight, others ran to Arms, not a
 “ Window in *London* and *Westminster* but was
 “ illuminated, that the Streets might not want
 “ sufficient Light to discover the Enemy. From
 “ *London* the Consternation diffus’d itself through
 “ the whole Kingdom, in such Manner, that in
 “ the remote Parts, where more Time was al-
 “ low’d to view the Danger, and to guard against
 “ it, a general Resolution was taken, should the
 “ News prove true, of making a general Massacre
 “ of the *Papists*, and particularly of the *Irish*,
 “ which should any where be found. Happily
 “ this Terror vanish’d in *London*, as soon as the
 “ real Cause of it was known.“

REMARKS ON Mr. RAPIN’S *Account*.

WE may judge how we are treated, by those
 that call themselves our Historians, in
 Accounts of Things long since past, if we examine
 their Relation of what is within the Memory of
 many now living.

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Mr. *Rapin* here undertakes to give a Relation of the *Irish Fright* 1688. He says he came hither on board the *Dutch Fleet*, and therefore probably was here at the *Panic*. Whether he was here or not, he might have inform'd himself better than he has inform'd the World. In one part of the Story he seems to know too little, in the other too much: But after all, could Mr. *Rapin* pretend to believe all this owing to the plundering of a Country-House? That the Fright *London* was in diffus'd itself as other Things commonly do?

THAT the Report was publish'd in every Country by Persons planted there on purpose, who receiv'd their Orders by the Post, 'tis much more probable. Where the Post goes in one Day, it was set about that Day; where it goes in two Days, it was set about on the second Day. That the *Irish* had burn'd some of the Neighbouring Towns, was constantly affirm'd in all Parts of *England* on the first or on the second Day. Supposing the Intelligence diffus'd itself from *London*, how could the Men of *Berkshire*, *Lincolnshire*, *Suffex*, have from thence an Account that the *Irish* were in their Neighbourhood? And how could this happen so exactly at the same Time in all Places, with one Day's Difference only, necessary for the firing the Train. People in many Countries had the Curiosity to enquire from whom they receiv'd the Alarm; and when they had traced it from one to another, the first was told it by one he did not know. There are enough alive to determine, whether Mr. *Rapin's* Accident, or a form'd Design brought the Fright about.

THE general Resolution that was taken, in remote Countries, to massacre the *Papists* and *Irish*, should the News prove true, is, I believe, yet

yet News to those that liv'd at the Time. Nor was there Time for a general Resolution: The Thing vanish'd in twenty-four Hours, if not in twelve; for the Towns said to be on Fire, were within twenty Miles, or nearer, to the Place where the Report was taken up.

WHAT was the Resolution of the Projectors, Mr. *Rapin* may know more than another. It would be judging hardly of the Authors of the Stratagem, to say they meant a Massacre. Perhaps they intended no more than the *Panick* which was rais'd. But they could not be sure of bridling their Charm, so that it should not exceed their Intention. They could not be sure the Execution should not be over before People had Leisure to enquire into the *Truth of the News*, of which every Man seem'd to want no farther Proof. If no more was design'd than came to pass, there's room enough to applaud the Dexterity or the Fortune of the Contrivers.

Another *Account* of the pretended *Irish Massacre*, which seems to be more probable than the former.

“ **M** R. *Speake*, a rank Republican, who was
 “ formerly taken-up and Fin'd, for being
 “ too buisy (in Conjunction with *Laurence*
 “ *Braddon*) in the Discovery of the Murder of the
 “ Earl of *Essex* in the *Tower*, which he could not
 “ make out, before the Prince of O's. Descent,
 “ made it his Business to Travel thro *England*
 “ twice; Once under the Notion of a *Whig*, and
 “ once as a *Tory*. By which Means, and Intruding
 “ himself into the Company of the Country
 “ Gentlemen, he learnt the Names of both Par-
 “ ties,

“ ties, and the Places where they dwelt. Now
 “ when the Time was come, that they thought
 “ convenient for the trumping-up an *Irish* Mas-
 “ sacre, they contriv’d to send Letters to the
 “ *Whig-Party* by Coaches, Carriers, and Post, so
 “ that the Persons to whom they were sent, might
 “ receive them all upon one Day. Suppose a
 “ Gentleman liv’d at *York*, and another at *Cam-*
 “ *bridge*, who was to spread this Report; *York*
 “ being three Days Journey, and *Cambridge* but
 “ one, they sent their Letters to *York* two days
 “ before they sent to *Cambridge*; so that all their
 “ Letters came to hand the very same day, and
 “ thus the Report was bruited throughout *Eng-*
 “ *land*. *Jupiter quos vult perdere dementat.*

The exact Numbers of Churchmen, Dissenters,
 and Papists, in England, and Wales, as
 they were given to King James II. By the
 aforesaid *Hugh Speake*, Esq; on the 3d of
 May, 1688, from an authentick Calculation.

	Churchmen	Dissenters	Papists
Prov. Cant.	2123362	93153	11878
— <i>York</i>	0353890	15525	01978
Total of each	<u>2477252</u>	<u>108678</u>	<u>13856</u>

So that by this Calculation it appears, that there
 were at that Time, 23 Churchmen to one Dissenter,
 179 to one Papist; and 2354727 Churchmen more
 than both Dissenters and Papists put together, which
 is 202 to one.

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